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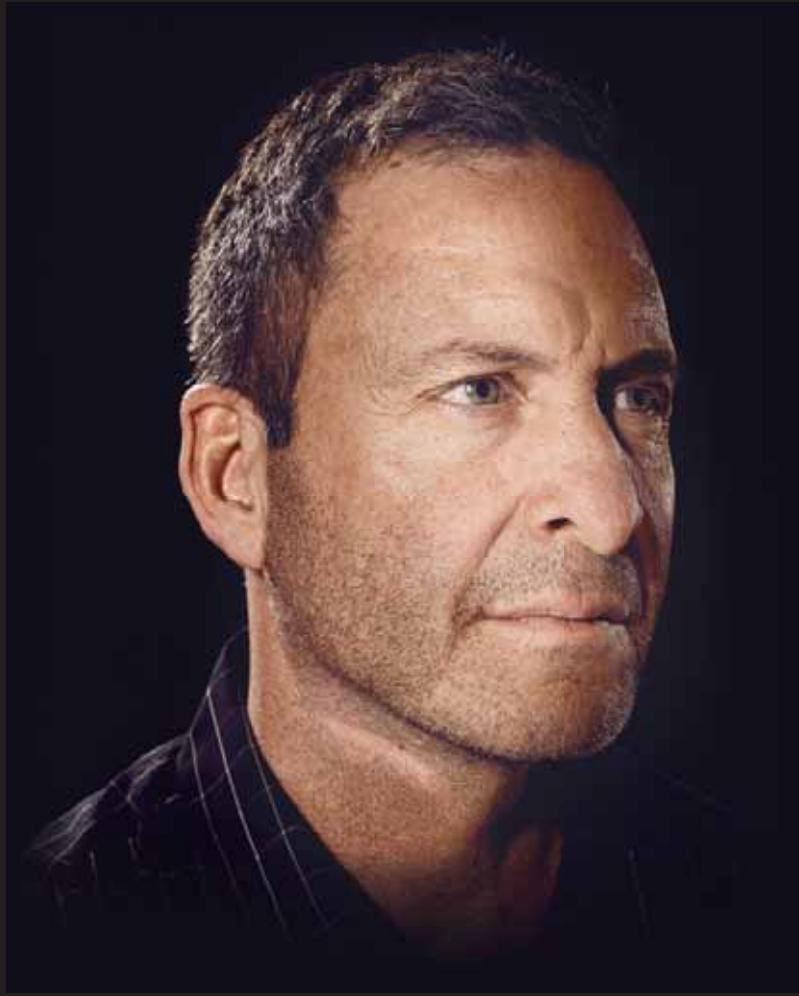
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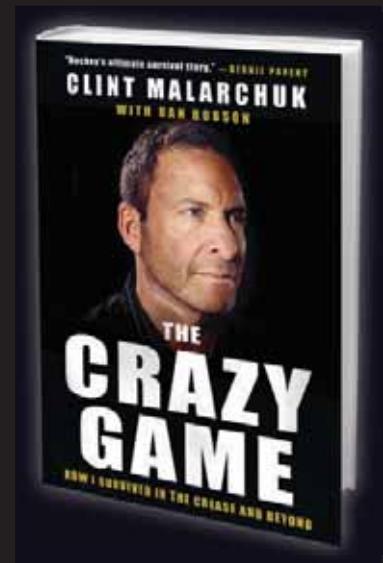
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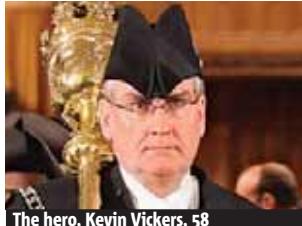


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The victim, Nathan Cirillo, 24



The hero, Kevin Vickers, 58



The alleged gunman, Michael Zehaf-Bibeau

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Terror hits home

'Canada will never be intimidated,' says Prime Minister Harper in televised address to nation after killing at War Memorial and shootout at Parliament

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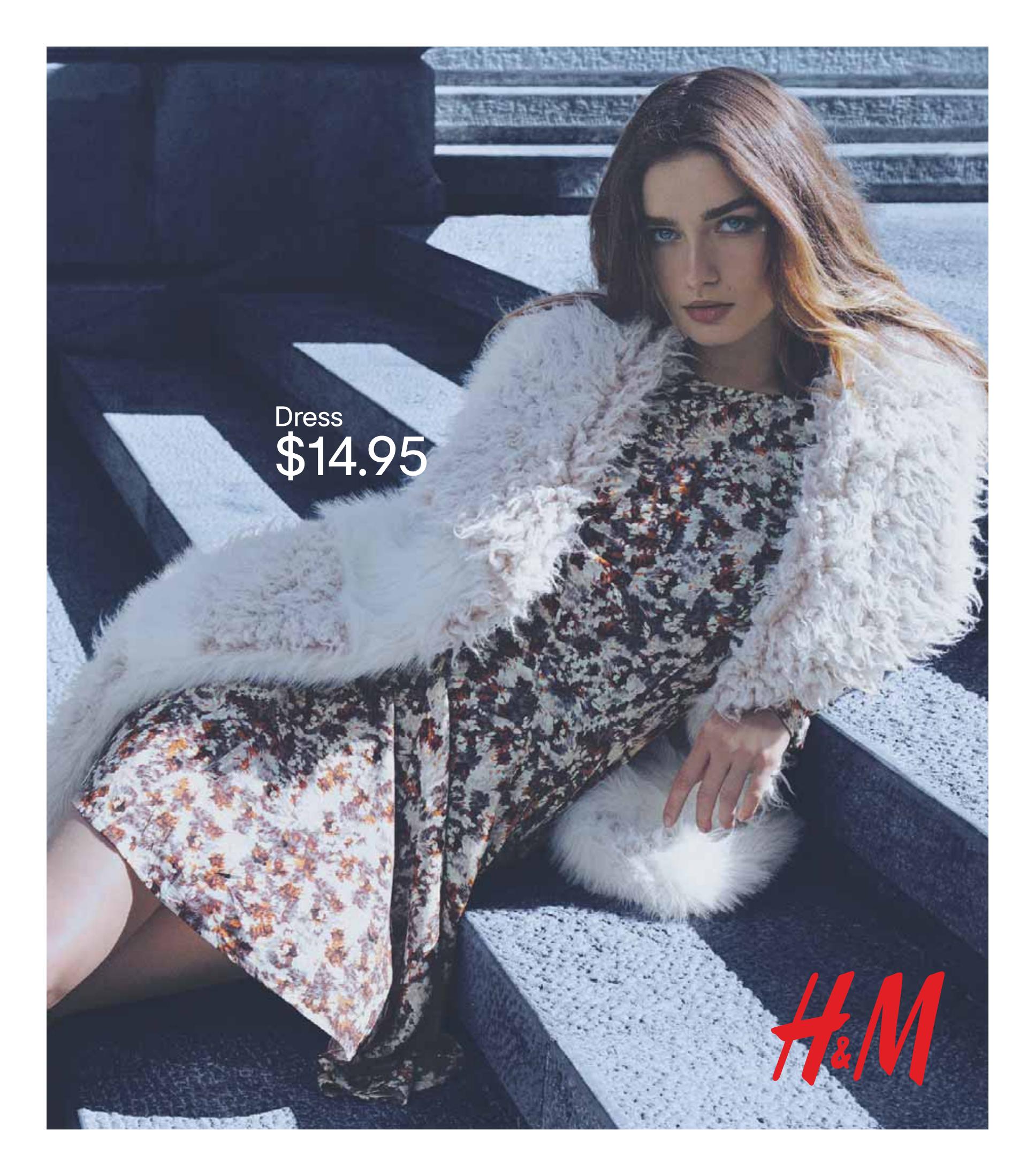
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Mayor Savage, premier react to Ottawa shooting

'It doesn't make sense.'

Legislature and military taking precautions in wake of frightening day in nation's capital



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Flags were lowered to half-staff in front of Halifax City Hall while Province House and military bases increased security measures in light of Wednesday's terrifying shooting in Ottawa that left a soldier and suspected gunman dead.

Mayor Mike Savage, a former Liberal MP, said he was as shocked as anyone at the news that Cpl. Nathan Cirillo had been shot at the National War Memorial by a suspect who then ran into Parliament's Centre Block before being shot and killed.

"The halls in the Parliament buildings echo with memories," Savage said. "Today it would have been a whole different kind of echo when those shots went out."

As a military town, Savage said the violence has the same impact on people in Halifax as in Ottawa, and it was important to lower the flag in hon-

Quoted

"We're not really as sheltered as we might think."

Halifax Mayor Mike Savage

our of the soldier's memory. "We should be affected by this. Anybody who thinks that evil can't find you, today, is wrong," he said.

Local MPs Megan Leslie and Peter Stoffer both stated they were in a safe place in the Parliament buildings, while Halifax West MP Geoff Regan and Dartmouth-Cole Harbour MP Robert Chisholm were not in Ottawa.

Access to the legislature in Halifax was restricted to people with appointments, anyone testifying before the Law Amendments Committee, staff and accredited media.

Extra police officers were standing guard in and around the building during the afternoon.

Capt. Peter Ryan of the Maritime Forces Atlantic said gates to the waterfront navy base, air base and other bases were locked, while a military source said all personnel were instructed via email to "limit movement in uniform" around the city.

Before the House sat at 2 p.m., Premier Stephen McNeil told reporters he had offered Nova Scotia's support to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and been told by local RCMP and military that there had been no threats made to Nova Scotia.

"Our sons and daughters who have decided to join the military, to protect us, by simply being in uniform have become targets in our own country," McNeil said. "It doesn't make sense, it's not what happens in Canada."

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Military personnel were checking IDs and had entry into Stadacona down to one entrance on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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From left, Tammy MacDonald, manager of infection control at Capital Health, Brian Butt, director of clinical care co-ordination, and Dr. Robin Taylor, medical officer of health, explain during a press conference Wednesday what would happen in the case of an Ebola outbreak at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Centre. STEPHANIE TAYLOR/FOR METRO

'A lot of fear' felt by hospital staff

Capital Health. Officials say Ebola practice drill was set up to reassure health-care workers, but say influenza is a more serious threat

The flu may be knocking on our doors, but according to Capital Health officials, many hospital workers are afraid of another deadly virus — Ebola.

"There's a lot of fear," said Brian Butt, director of clinical care co-ordination. "Our staff are scared. They're scared for their own health."

Butt and other hospital officials spoke at a press conference Wednesday morning at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Centre, roughly an hour before a scheduled Ebola exercise.

Butt explained the practice drill was to test the hospital's

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"There is a very concrete thing you can do to prevent yourself and your family from getting the flu, and that's to get the flu shot."

Dr. Robin Taylor, medical officer of health for Capital Health

readiness in the case a patient with Ebola was ever admitted.

"We should be sure that everybody understands that the risk of an actual Ebola case in Nova Scotia is very low, so this preparation is in case of quite a rare circumstance," said Dr. Robin Taylor, medical officer of health for Capital Health.

Regardless, Butt said the district's main concern is to reassure their employees that they are indeed safe and prop-

erly prepared in the case of such an emergency.

Tammy MacDonald, manager of the district's infection control unit, explained that practice drills are routine procedure for the hospital. She also added that much of the protocol staff will be tested on to contain Ebola will also help them prepare for the more real threat of a flu outbreak.

The drill came a day after the launch of the province's annual flu shot and influenza campaign.

Staff at Wednesday's press conference said they hoped the precautionary drill will drive home the importance of preventive health care for both health-care workers and patients. "We've got much more of a chance of a severe flu coming than we probably do Ebola, and that's a piece we've got to keep our eye central on," Butt said.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/FOR METRO

Cider sales boom in second quarter: NSLC

The latest quarterly report by the Nova Scotia Liquor Corporation reveals healthy sales of local products.

On Wednesday, the agency released its second-quarter results, which tracked alcohol sales from June to September and compared the numbers to last year's records.

According to the report, total sales for the past quarter were \$169 million, an increase of just under \$0.1 million from

2013. Overall sales of beer and spirits fell, though sales of Nova Scotia craft beers climbed nearly 29 per cent to \$1.5 million.

However, NSLC president and CEO Bret Mitchell stated in a release that it was a "record-breaking" year for ciders in the province, with sales up by 63 per cent, or nearly \$3 million since the spring. Cider was also recorded as the highest volume of alcohol sold in the province in the past quarter. METRO



Sales of Nova Scotia wines rose 9.4 per cent in the second quarter. METRO FILE



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Irving will build six patrol vessels, president says

Local jobs.

Shipbuilding-company boss says project will help boost employment

The president of Irving Shipbuilding has torpedoed a report that the federal government is trimming its order for Arctic patrol ships.

Kevin McCoy said Wednesday that the government has not changed its mind.

"We have received absolutely no change from our customer in terms of what our near-term or long-term workload should be," McCoy said before starting a speech at a shipbuilding conference in Halifax.

"We fully expect in January, as planned, to sign a contract to build the first six ships exactly as planned and scheduled. There should be no concerns about that. It's all systems go from that perspective."

Earlier this week, industry and military sources told

The Canadian Press the government has scaled back its original plan to buy between six and eight vessels, choosing instead to buy five with an option for a sixth.

But McCoy insisted the company plans to build six light icebreakers, starting next September, with the final ship to be delivered in 2022.

"We are right now at the 90 to 95 per cent point in having the design completely finished," he said.

"That means that the ship's size is fixed — about 100 metres long — and all the major components are installed and we're down to running small wires and small pipes."

McCoy said he expects the computer-generated drawings to be finished by April.

The Halifax-based company has spent \$424 million on design work and upgrading its shipbuilding facilities on the city's waterfront, he said.

Much of McCoy's speech focused on the money the company will spend as it prepares to build the Arctic patrol ships

and 15 combat vessels with employment in Halifax peaking at 1,600 to 2,000 workers.

"We're talking about steady work out to 2040," he said. "That's something that our employees and this community can bank on.... But it's not 21 ships at any price. It's 21 ships at a fair price."

Valerie Payne, president of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, said McCoy's assurances are welcomed by business leaders.

"He's assuring us that things are on schedule, things are on track and nothing has changed," she said. "People are feeling a lot more comfortable with what's going on."

The government's \$35-billion national shipbuilding strategy saw shipyards chosen to do the work in 2011.

The Arctic ships have had their capabilities repeatedly watered down on the drawing board to keep costs down. Defence and industry experts have said it's not unusual for the government to scale back big procurement projects to reduce costs. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



The legislature sat as scheduled Wednesday, though the session — which included the introduction of a new business tax credit — took place under increased security measures prompted by the shooting in Ottawa. Access to the legislature was restricted and Halifax Regional Police assisted the commissioners with additional guards and patrols. JEFF HARPER/METRO

New tax credit for businesses

Announcement.

Province to implement credit in January to businesses spending more than \$15 million on capital projects

Extension

2020

In other news, tax credits set to expire for the digital media industry this year and the film industry next year would be extended to 2020.

tracting and retaining large manufacturers and processors and will be given to companies after they make the investments.

The provincial government estimates the cost of offering the tax credit will be about \$30 million annually, depending on uptake.

An existing program that allows companies that

spend up to \$15 million in capital projects to claim a rebate would also have its cap raised from \$1 million to \$3 million.

Samson also introduced legislative amendments that would require the province's economic development agencies to produce five-year strategic plans, with the first one due March 1.

Samson said the changes would also increase the maximum amount of money that Nova Scotia Business Inc. can authorize without cabinet approval. That amount now sits at \$3 million.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Businesses in Nova Scotia that spend more than \$15 million in capital projects would be eligible for a tax credit in January to offset 15 per cent of their costs under legislation introduced Wednesday.

Economic Development Minister Michel Samson says the credit is aimed at at-

Decision overturned

Unlicensed pot shouldn't be covered: Court

Nova Scotia's Court of Appeal has overturned a lower court's ruling that ordered the provincial government to cover the costs of medical marijuana bought from an unlicensed outlet.

The Nova Scotia Supreme Court ordered the province in February to reimburse Sally Armstrong \$28,376 after she provided invoices for marijuana from the Cannabis Buyers Club of Canada. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Minister. Doctor fee-code structure won't be updated for at least two more years

Money

\$251M

The amount the province pays to doctors under plans that are not fee-for-service.

The deputy minister of Nova Scotia's Health Department says it will take at least another two years to modernize the fee-code structure doctors use to bill for their services.

Peter Vaughn told the legislature's public accounts committee the fee schedule has not kept up with technological change and a project is ongoing to address that problem.

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Dog unhurt after brush with trap

Kings County.

Couple angry to learn that setting traps on roads and trails can be done legally

Fletcher is lucky that he's a well-trained dog.

Krystol Bell was running with Fletcher on Sunday when her pet was caught in a coyote trap at the edge of Butler Road near Gaspereau Lake, just south of Kentville.

"We were six kilometres in when my dog, who was fully under control and close to me, was caught in a trap," Bell said. "Luckily, Fletcher is very obedient and listened to my 'stay' and 'leave it' commands."

After releasing Fletcher with her husband's help, Bell took the trap, expecting the Department of Natural Resources to tell them it was illegal.

The couple was surprised to learn it's legal in Nova Scotia to place traps directly on any road, trail or path that is not maintained by the Department of Transportation.

Bell says she was furious to learn that, without signage, traps can even be placed on private roads and trails.

Landowners need to erect "no hunting/trapping" signs and even then, she said, snaring snowshoe hare is legal on private property.

The DNR website explains



Krystol Bell gives her dog Fletcher a hug. Bell and her husband had to free Fletcher from a coyote trap that was set, legally, on a well-travelled road near Kentville. CONTRIBUTED/KINGS COUNTY REGISTER

that traps can't be set within 15 metres of a "public highway," or within 15 metres of a "publicly operated walking trail" that has signs stating that

trapping isn't allowed.

The department also offers a pamphlet explaining how dog owners can protect their pets and how to free a dog caught in a trap.

While it is a dirt road, Butler Road is off Highway 12 and Bell said others could encounter traps. "The dog kept close. He was not in the woods," she said. "Any hiking spot could have a trap. People ... don't have a chance to be aware."

KINGS COUNTY REGISTER

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The bounty for a coyote pelt offered under a provincial program launched in 2010.

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New website tracks feet on downtown streets

Spring Garden Road and the Halifax Harbourwalk are the two busiest streets for foot traffic in the city's core, according to a new public website tracking pedestrian flow in downtown Halifax.

The website was launched Wednesday, and uses data from 10 pedestrian counters installed throughout downtown last November by the Downtown Business Commission, the Spring Garden Business Association and the Waterfront Development Corporation.

"(Foot traffic) is the No. 1 piece of information retailers want," Paul MacKinnon, executive director of the Downtown Business Commission,



A pedestrian walks along Argyle Street earlier this month. JEFF HARPER/METRO

said Wednesday. "We want to know if there are more people coming downtown or not."

The public site features an interactive map with the locations of the 10 counters, along with information about the walking direction of pedestrians, as well as a rank of top three busiest streets at that precise moment.

It's hoped the website will

provide businesses owners with the hard numbers they need to turn anecdotes about the downtown foot traffic into real insights.

"People have historically said we're the busiest street east of Montreal, but what does that actually mean?" Sandra Conrad of the Spring Garden Business Association said Wednesday.

STEPHANIE TAYLOR/FOR METRO

911 call

RCMP investigates shooting in Lantz

RCMP in Enfield is investigating a shooting that happened in Lantz early Tuesday.

Officers responded to a 911 call that a man had been shot on Martin Court around 2:25 a.m. Tuesday.

Responding officers found shots had been fired at a house and vehicle, but no one was injured.

Investigators are asking anyone with information to contact Enfield RCMP or Crime Stoppers.

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Indecent exposure

Cops hunt flasher

RCMP in Shelburne is asking the public to help find a man who it says exposed himself to a 10-year-old girl last Friday.

According to a release, the girl was walking on the side of Shore Road in Churchover on Oct. 17 when the man exposed himself to her between 6 and 6:30 p.m.

The suspect is described as about 50 years old and wearing a red hat.

Those with information about this incident are asked to contact any RCMP detachment, local police or Crime Stoppers. METRO

Up in flames

Suspicious fire destroys cabin

An investigator with Halifax Regional Fire and Emergency is looking for the cause of a suspicious fire that destroyed a cabin in Enfield.

Halifax RCMP stated the fire was reported around 3 a.m. Tuesday off Halls Road. The cabin was completely engulfed when officers arrived. A preliminary investigation has determined the cause is suspicious.

The cabin was empty at the time. No one was hurt. METRO

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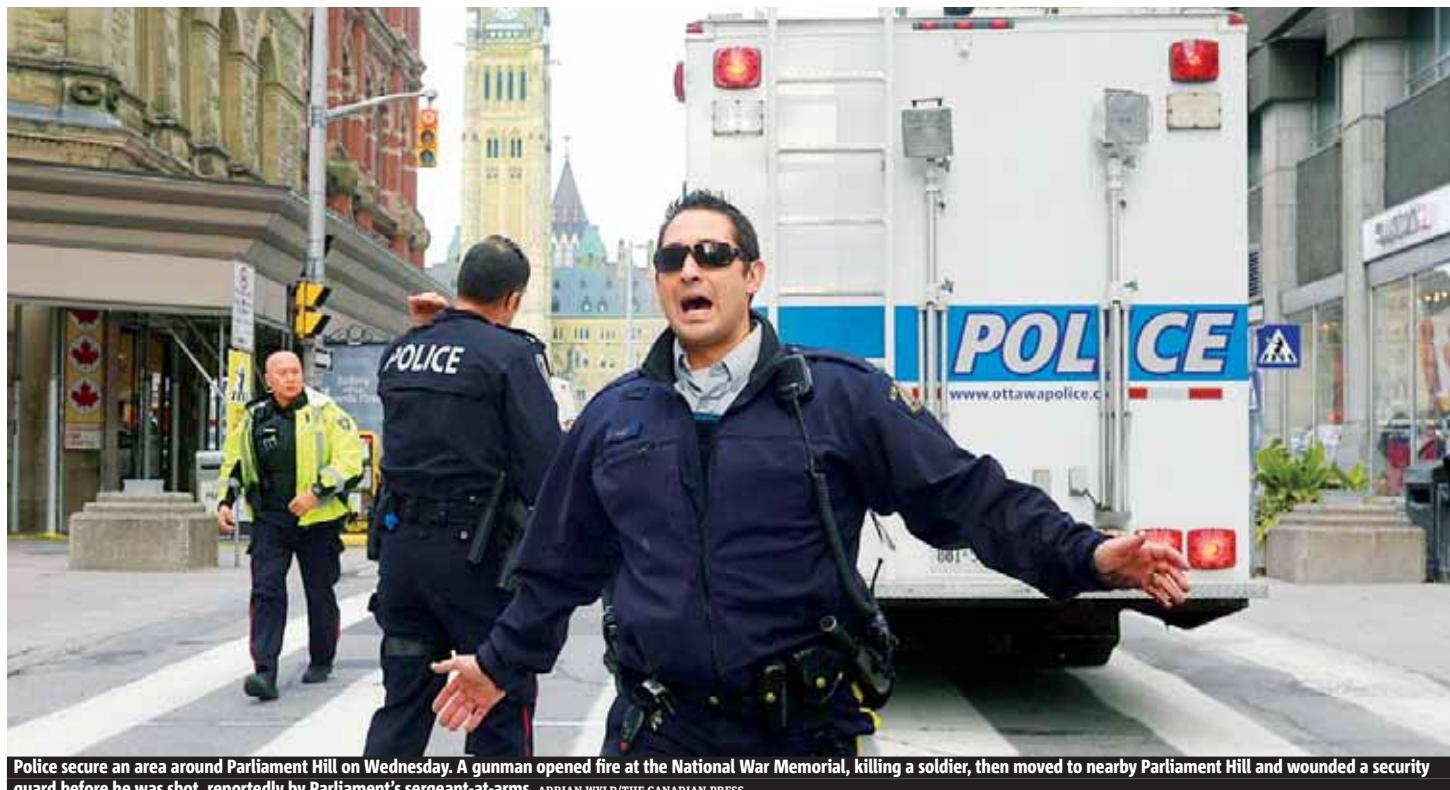
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Ottawa thrown into chaos after gunman storms the Hill



Police secure an area around Parliament Hill on Wednesday. A gunman opened fire at the National War Memorial, killing a soldier, then moved to nearby Parliament Hill and wounded a security guard before he was shot, reportedly by Parliament's sergeant-at-arms. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Rampage. Shooter killed, but police remain on lookout for more suspects

 **TREVOR GREENWAY**
Metro in Ottawa

Ottawa went into siege mode Wednesday after a gunman rampaged into Parliament Hill's Centre Block shortly after he shot and killed a Canadian Forces reservist who was guarding the National War Memorial.

A high-ranking federal official confirmed Wednesday that the gunman killed in Wednesday's deadly shooting incident was Michael Zehaf-Bibeau, according to The Canadian Press.

Cpl. Nathan Cirillo has been identified as the soldier killed by Zehaf-Bibeau at the National War Memorial.

The Hamilton, Ont.-based reservist was standing as the honour guard at the memorial when he was shot. He later succumbed to his injuries.

On Wednesday night, police reinstated a lockdown in some areas of downtown Ottawa before later calling it off.

Police said there's no longer a threat to public safety in the downtown core. However, an investigation is ongoing on Parliament Hill. The Hill is closed to the public.

The RCMP are leading the investigation. More police presence is expected in the downtown area over the next few days.

According to witnesses, Cirillo was shot twice at "point-blank" range before the gunman ran toward Parliament's Centre Block. Several MPs said House of Commons Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Vickers then fatally shot the gunman.

In a release issued Wednesday afternoon, police confirmed Zehaf-Bibeau had been killed. No other suspects are in custody, though police said others are being sought.

In a separate release, Ottawa Hospital said it had received three shooting victims from Wednesday's incident. Two are listed in stable condition.

Police refuted earlier reports of a separate shooting at the Rideau Centre mall.

Footage captured by a Globe and Mail reporter also shows police opening fire within the Hall of Honour.

Liberal Senate staffer Stuart

Malala events called off

Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office said two events scheduled for Wednesday in Toronto with Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai were cancelled.

- Harper was to moderate an afternoon question-and-answer session with Yousafzai at a Toronto high school.
- He was then scheduled to head to a downtown hotel, where the 17-year-old was to receive honorary Canadian citizenship.

Barnable told Metro he saw the whole shooting happen from his office on the East Block of Parliament.

"The guy pulled up outside the war memorial, jumped out of his car, got out with a rifle and shot at the guys who guard the war memorial. He hit one by the look of it. The other (soldier) died.

"(The shooter) ran back into his car, backed up Wellington (Street), and then swerved around and came up and jumped out and ran up towards



Malala Yousafzai
RUI VIEIRA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

the House of Commons. He had a long rifle."

Barnable said the man pulled the plates off a grey Toyota Corolla.

"He ran up the Hill and had a scarf covering his face. I ran down and told security to lock the doors."

Tony Zobl, 35, said he saw the soldier being shot from his office window above the war memorial.

"I looked out the window and saw a shooter — a man dressed all in black with a ker-

chief over his nose and mouth and something over his head as well — holding a rifle and shooting an honour guard in front of the cenotaph point-blank, twice," Zobl said.

"The honour guard dropped to the ground and the shooter kind of raised his arms in triumph."

Scott Walsh was working in a manhole near the East Block building when he heard gunshots. He then saw the ensuing panic and a gunman he said had long black hair and a face covered with a white scarf.

"He had a double-barrelled shotgun, he was about five feet from me and he ran right beside us, ran past the woman with the stroller and child."

The gunman then hijacked a car at gunpoint and drove it toward the Peace Tower.

The incident comes just two days after two Canadian soldiers were run over — and one of them killed — in Quebec by a man with jihadist sympathies.

Witnesses and those who have seen anything suspicious are urged to call 911, Crime Stoppers or Ottawa police directly at 613-236-1222, ext. 5493.

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On the scene

Witnesses describe close calls with shooter

Barry Willis, a contractor for Bell Canada who was working in front of Parliament Hill at the time of the shooting, said he heard five or six gunshots and saw the shooter running by him carrying a large firearm, possibly a shotgun or rifle.

"He turned around, pointed the gun at me and I dove behind my truck," said Willis, who was still rattled by the incident after speaking to the RCMP. "Another young parliamentarian type of guy dove into my truck."

Willis described the gunman he saw as a "very young" man wearing a "blue-and-white headscarf" and a long coat.

"I'm shaken up. I'm ex-military and I've never had a gun pointed at me like that," said Willis as police ushered him and other bystanders to a safer area along Elgin Street across from the National War Memorial.

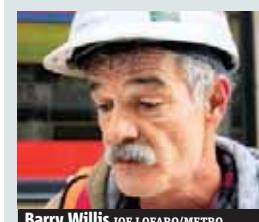
Alberta Labour Minister Ric McIver was on Wellington Street when he said he saw a gunman move on foot.

"I saw him go around the corner toward the Parliament buildings," said McIver. "It was a little frightening and (I) worried about people's safety."

Jennifer Wiebe was on lockdown inside a Sparks Street office building. Police evacuated her and others about two hours later.

"It's certainly unnerving to know (because) Parliament is a very public place and (there are) lots of people," she said.

JOE LOFARO/METRO IN OTTAWA



Barry Willis JOE LOFARO/METRO

Fallen soldier was a young dad who 'always wanted to serve his country'



Cpl. Nathan Cirillo FACEBOOK

Cpl. Nathan Cirillo.

Mourners came to pay their respects to the 24-year-old soldier killed while on duty in Ottawa



JESSICA SMITH CROSS
Metro in Hamilton

Cpl. Nathan Cirillo wanted to serve Canada in the military since his days at Sherwood Secondary School, when he wrote in his friends' yearbook that they would all go to Afghanistan together.

But that would never happen.

"He always wanted to serve his country," said his friend Jimmy Doan.

"At the time, that's where help was needed and he always wanted to be the person to help," said friend Alana

Schneider.

After the news broke that Cirillo, 24, was the reservist shot and killed in Ottawa Wednesday, his high school friends went to the James Street Armoury in Hamilton, the home of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

Mourners left flowers all afternoon and into the evening as reservists, who wore street clothes as they were warned not to wear their uniforms in public, filed in through the armoury gates.

Cirillo's friends remembered him as the class clown who always made everybody laugh. Cirillo has two sisters and parents in Hamilton whom he was very close to, his friends said.

Schneider's fondest memory of Cirillo was eating his army food under a tree near their school. He'd been bragging about it and then brought some for his friends to try.

"It was awful," she said.

He has a young son named Marcus. Cirillo met the boy's mother, Kendra, at the Ancaster Fair after Cirillo and Doan were escorted out for not paying their way in, recalled Doan. Kendra and a friend asked them for a ride home, he said. "And voila."

Jason Melnyk, also a high school friend, said Cirillo worked at GoodLife Fitness and loved working out. He last saw him at the gym, where he was lifting 210 pounds.

"He made it look easy, which pissed me off," he said.

Schneider said he was always strong, and recalled Cirillo lifting her up over his head and throwing her into a lake back in high school, she said.

A young woman who came by the James Street Armoury to pay her respects is a family friend and babysits Cirillo's son Marcus. Cirillo was funny, but would never take jokes too far, she said.

Passions



According to his Facebook profile, Cpl. Nathan Cirillo was an animal lover, outdoor enthusiast and fitness buff.

- Photographs show him posing with a dog last month. Other pictures show him with an axe in the woods in uniform, or smiling broadly as he stands in a river in swimming trunks. Another shows a kitten peeking out from his military backpack. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Scenes from a dark day

Wednesday's shootings sent Ottawa into a surreal state of lockdown as police, paramedics and citizens responded to the morning's violence, which left two people dead.

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1 Securing Parliament

Police secure the scene of a shooting on Parliament Hill in Ottawa on Wednesday. A Canadian soldier standing guard at the National War Memorial had been shot by a then-unknown gunman and there were reports of gunfire inside the halls of Parliament.

ADRIAN WYLD/
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2 Searching for suspects

Police point their guns toward the roof of a building on Sparks Street as they search for a possible second suspect.

JOE LOFARO/METRO



Evacuation

An RCMP officer stands guard as office workers are evacuated from a building on Sparks Street. **JOE LOFARO/METRO**

Barricading the door

A photo by Conservative MP Nina Grewal shows MPs barricading themselves in a meeting room on Parliament Hill after shots were fired inside the building.

NINA GREWAL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mass exit from Parliament

Conservative MPs are transported in an Ottawa transit bus from the Parliament buildings. **SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Vehicle connected to shooting

An older-model Toyota Corolla, which is believed to be connected to the shooting, sits parked and idling in front of Parliament Hill Wednesday morning.

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Paramedics respond

Police and paramedics tend to the soldier shot at the National Memorial, later identified as Nathan Cirillo of Hamilton, Ont., who died of his injuries.

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Checkered past?

Alleged shooter's name linked to 2011 robbery in Vancouver

A man with the same name as the gunman in Wednesday's shooting in Ottawa had a criminal record in Vancouver.

The slain shooter has been identified as Michael Joseph Paul Zehaf-Bibeau, born in 1982. A man with the same name and year of birth was charged in Vancouver in December 2011 with robbery.

Court records indicate he was seen by a psychiatrist while in jail and found fit for trial. The Vancouver police and the B.C. RCMP have confirmed they are working with the municipal police and Mounties in Ottawa. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Photo of shooter TWITTER

Sergeant-at-arms hailed as a hero on Parliament Hill

Selfless action.

Longtime RCMP vet and head of House of Commons security led the sweep resulting in the shooter's death

Kevin Vickers, the decorated RCMP veteran credited with bringing down the Parliament Hill gunman, has always put community and country first, his brother said Wednesday.

The 58-year-old, now serving as House of Commons sergeant-at-arms, is believed to have led a team of officers into the Centre Block building and shot an armed intruder.

Across the country in Victoria, his brother John Vickers waited anxiously for word that his brother was all right — he'd seen raw footage of the dramatic shootout.

"It was just a tremendous



Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Vickers of the House of Commons is being hailed for his bravery after he shot down an armed gunman storming the Centre Block on Wednesday morning. PAWEŁ DWULIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

sense of relief that he was OK," he said, adding he'd been in contact with family but hadn't spoken to his brother.

"The situation's still a bit fluid and because he's the guy still in charge of the security there, I don't need to be high on the

conversation scale right now for him," John said Wednesday.

John said while the sergeant-at-arms may seem to be a symbolic position, what with the long gowns and the ceremonial sceptre he's often in possession of, it's actually a role of great

importance.

"He's the top gun there.... There's a lot of infrastructure there and I think he actually has 3,000 people there that he's in charge of," John said. "It's a huge responsibility."

John said his brother served with the Calgary RCMP in the 1990s and called the community of Scenic Acres home. He rose through the ranks and eventually moved to New Brunswick.

At age 58, Kevin was appointed director of security operations for the House of Commons in June 2005.

On Twitter, MPs credited Vickers with saving their lives.

"MPs and Hill staff owe their safety, even lives, to Sergeant-at-Arms Kevin Vickers who shot (the) attacker just outside the MPs' caucus rooms," tweeted New Democrat Craig Scott.

Veterans Affairs Minister Julian Fantino tweeted: "I am safe and profoundly grateful to Sgt-at-Arms Kevin Vickers and our

security forces for (the) selfless act of keeping us safe."

John, meanwhile, said his brother has always put service to the country first.

"It's never been about him.... He was called upon by the nation today to respond.... It doesn't surprise me that he answered the call on behalf of the nation and served us to the extent that he had to."

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY, WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Kevin Vickers

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Advice to parents of kids exposed to tragedy in Ottawa

Talk, listen. Some thoughts for parents tasked with helping children understand the shootings in nation's capital

The extraordinary events on Parliament Hill on Wednesday had the look of a Hollywood movie or a video game.

But the fatal shooting of a reservist soldier at the National War Memorial and the killing of a gunman in the Centre Block of the nearby Parliamentary complex are starkly real events that will likely be distressing for children, psychologists warn.

They have some advice for parents who may be faced with the troubling task of trying to explain to children actions that are heinous and events that are tragic.

Here are some tips:

Talk and listen. Mainly listen

There is no way to shelter children from this event — they will hear about the attack, says Sandra Mendlowitz, a clinical psychologist in the anxiety disorders program at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children and an assistant professor of child psychiatry at the University of Toronto.

"These can be very scary moments and you need to talk to your child about what their worries are and what their concerns are. And you need to be truthful, but in a way that is (age) appropriate," she says.

Find out what they're worried about. Find out what they know. Because sometimes parents assume kids know things that they actually don't know."

Gear your explanations to your audience

David Wolfe, a psychologist who specializes in issues affecting children and youth at Toronto's Centre for Addiction and Mental Health, says young children are going to be pretty concrete in their thinking and are likely to ask a question like: "Can he come here to my house and shoot me?"

Children who are 10, 11, 12 are at the age where they're starting to realize that the world is a more complex and less safe place than they previously understood. This age group may be very troubled by these events.

Parents should assure children that they are safe, but will also have to explain — at least to the older ones — that sometimes bad things happen.

Additional advice

Timing is everything when it comes to discussing tragic events.

- **Limit screen time.** Images and videos of this event are all over the Internet and will lead newscasts for days. But kids don't need to see this stuff, and especially don't need to see it over and over again.
- **Time your talk.** Don't save these conversations for bedtime. You'll end up with a child who can't fall asleep. But do bring the issue up quickly. Kids will be inundated with information about this event almost immediately.

Be observant

Children may begin behaving differently — acting out, for instance — as they try to process these events, Mendlowitz says. "You need to monitor what's going on and you need to expect that their behaviour may change in response to things that they hear."

Parents should watch for signs their kids are having trouble coping with the stress this situation may create.

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Grade 5 children from Vancouver's St. Francis Xavier School wait on the B.C. legislature steps in Victoria on Wednesday. The children were turned away following the shooting incidents on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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A nation on high alert

Canadians react to an attack on Parliament Hill by a masked gunman, who shot and killed a soldier standing guard at the National War Memorial in Ottawa

Edmonton

Two Edmonton Catholic schools were locked down after the shooting because some of the students were from military families. The children were kept inside for recess and lunch breaks.

London

The City of London has lowered flags to half-staff as a mark of respect.

Abroad

The U.S. military increased security at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery after the shootings in Ottawa, even though the FBI and the Homeland Security Department said there was no specific threat against the United States.

Victoria

Some provincial politicians were warned this week about heightened security concerns from officials in Ottawa, according to the clerk of the B.C. legislature. Craig James said officials at the legislature received information from Ottawa that there could be a problem and he briefed several elected members of the provincial legislature.

Hamilton

A memorial for Cpl. Nathan Cirillo has been set up at the gates of the James Street Armoury in Hamilton. He belonged to the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, an infantry unit of the Canadian Forces primary reserves.

Ottawa and Toronto

Last night's game between the Toronto Maple Leafs and Ottawa Senators was postponed following the shootings. The game will be rescheduled in the future. And events in Toronto involving Prime Minister Stephen Harper, his wife Laureen and Nobel Peace Prize co-winner Malala were cancelled.



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The road closures are scheduled to remain in effect until 6 a.m., Monday, October 27, 2014.

This work is to allow for the replacement of the 1220mm transmission main across Hammonds Plains Road as part of the Pockwock Water Transmission Main Project – Phase 2.



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Ages of babies still unknown

Forensic tests hold key to clarifying tragically strange case

The state of the remains discovered Monday was such that police were initially unable to determine

how many babies were in the locker. Their ages are still unknown, but they are believed to have been newborns, he said.

"The forensics that are going to be involved in this investigation, they're numerous," Const. Eric Hofley said

"It will be a long time before we're able to answer these questions — if at all."

There are no homicide

charges right now and police aren't interviewing any other suspects aside from Andrea Giesbrecht, Hofley added.

Greg Brodsky, Giesbrecht's lawyer, said he had seen a preliminary outline of the charges and met with his client. "She's in bewilderment," he said.

Giesbrecht was initially arrested on murder

charges, but those weren't

the charges that were filed with the court, Brodsky said. That indicates the autopsy and forensic investigation isn't complete yet, he said.

"The forensic examination is really important," Brodsky added. "There has to be an autopsy conducted and more investigation done in order to determine where this case is going."

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Woman, 40, charged over dead infants in locker

Andrea Giesbrecht Winnipeg resident faces six counts of concealing a body

rant and recently admitted to defrauding a senior of several thousand dollars.

Hofley said it will take an extensive forensic investigation to determine if she is related to the dead infants.

The breach of probation charge relates to two charges of fraud over \$5,000 that were laid against Giesbrecht in 2012. She was given a suspended sentence and two years of probation at a court hearing three weeks ago after pleading guilty to borrowing money from a 73-year-old neighbour and repaying her with bounced cheques.

with bounced cheques.

Her lawyer at that hearing, Alan Libman, told the court that Giesbrecht's parents were longtime gamblers who had "gambled away all their savings" before they died and left taxes unpaid on the house that Giesbrecht now lives in.

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Police in Winnipeg say they have discovered the remains of as many as six dead infants in a city storage locker. JOHN WOODS/THE CANADIAN PRESS





Dr. Charles Link, founder of NewLink Genetics Corp., is pictured in a lab on Jan. 26, 2005, in Ames, Iowa. NewLink holds the licence for a Canadian-made Ebola vaccine and Link says testing is moving ahead swiftly.

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Ebola vaccine testing moving as quickly as possible: CEO

VSV-EBOV. Doubters wonder if small U.S. company is capable of getting Canadian-made medicine on the ground

The CEO of the company that holds the licence for a Canadian-made Ebola vaccine has a message for people who are frustrated by how long it is taking to get it into use in West Africa.

The race to get the vaccine safety tested and made in sufficient quantities so that large studies can be rolled out in affected countries early next year is moving at warp speed, he suggests.

"There haven't been any delays. We couldn't go any faster without really doing things dangerously," said Dr. Charles Link, CEO and chief scientific officer of NewLink Genetics, of Ames, Iowa.

"I don't think humanity has ever tried to do something this complex, to be quite honest."

In the circles of people working on plans to contain the devastating Ebola outbreak, there has been a lot of mulling and some serious grumbling about whether NewLink — a small biotech focused on developing cancer vaccines — has the experience and wherewithal to push this important project forward.

Earlier this week, Amir At-

Trials

VSV-EBOV is one of only two experimental Ebola vaccines sufficiently developed at this point to be tested in people. The first human trials with the vaccine began in Bethesda, Md., last week and four more — in Germany, Switzerland, Gabon and Kenya — will start in the next few weeks.

taran, a University of Ottawa law professor, said the Canadian government should terminate NewLink's licence, or green-light other manufacturers to make the vaccine using the so-called "carve out" clauses in the contract. They permit Canada to enlist other vaccine makers in emergencies.

The Public Health Agency dodged the question when asked whether it was considering exercising its carve out options. In an emailed reply to the question, the agency talked at length about Canada's donation of 800 to 1,000 vials of the vaccine to the World Health Organization, but did not indicate if it is considering rescinding NewLink's licence or issuing new ones.

NewLink licensed VSV-EBOV, as the vaccine is called, in 2010.

It was created at the National Microbiology Laboratory in Winnipeg.

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Britain

Fraudster who faked coma pleads guilty

A British fraudster who pretended to be quadriplegic and sometimes comatose for two years to avoid prosecution has been convicted after police caught him on camera driving and strolling around supermarkets.

Alan Knight of Swansea, Wales, stole more than 40,000 pounds (\$64,000 US)

from an elderly neighbour, prosecutors said.

When police began investigating, Knight, 47, claimed to be quadriplegic and so sick he sometimes fell into a coma. He checked himself into a hospital to avoid court appearances, saying he was having seizures.

Faced with the supermarket video evidence, he pleaded guilty to 19 counts of forgery, fraud and theft. He is due to be sentenced Nov. 7.

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California

Massive gold nugget hitting the market

One of the biggest gold nuggets found in modern times in Northern California's historic Gold Country is going up for sale.

Weighing in at more than six pounds, the Butte Nugget is expected to carry a price tag of \$350,000 US.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported Wednesday that



the nugget's owner asked dealer Don Kagin to keep his name and the location of the discovery secret.

What's known is that a gold hunter found it in July on public land in the Butte County mountains.

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Prime Minister Stephen Harper in a screengrab of his televised statement from an undisclosed location in Ottawa on Wednesday night, the full transcript of which is below. PMO/THE CANADIAN PRESS

My fellow Canadians.

For the second time this week, there has been a brutal and violent attack on our soil. Today our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Cpl. Nathan Cirillo of the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. Cpl. Cirillo was killed today, murdered in cold blood as he provided a ceremonial honour guard at Canada's National War Memorial, that sacred place that pays tribute to those who gave their lives so that we can live in a free, democratic and safe society.

Likewise our thoughts and prayers remain also with the family and friends of Warrant Officer Patrice Vincent, who was killed earlier this week by an ISIL-inspired terrorist.

Tonight we also pray for the speedy recovery of the others injured in these despicable attacks.

Fellow Canadians, we've also been reminded today of the compassionate and courageous nature of so many Canadians — like those private

citizens and first responders who came to provide aid to Cpl. Cirillo as he fought for his life. And of course the members of our security forces, in the RCMP, the City of Ottawa police, and in Parliament, who came quickly and at great risk to themselves to assist those of us who were close to the attack.

Fellow Canadians, in the days to come, we will learn more about the terrorist and any accomplices he may have had. But this week's events are a grim reminder that Canada is not immune to the types of terrorist attacks we have seen elsewhere around the world.

We are also reminded that attacks on our security personnel and on our institutions of governance are by their very nature, attacks on our country, on our values. On our society, on us Canadians as a free and democratic people who embrace human dignity for all.

But let there be no misunderstanding. We will not be intimidated. Canada will never be intimidated. In fact, this

will lead us to strengthen our resolve and redouble our efforts and those of our national security agencies to take all necessary steps to identify and counter threats and keep Canada safe here at home, just as it will lead us to strengthen our resolve and redouble our efforts to work with our allies around the world and fight against the terrorist organizations who brutalize those in other countries with the hope of bringing their savagery to our shores. They will have no safe haven.

While today has been without question a difficult day, I have no doubt Canadians will pull together with the kind of firm solidarity that has seen our country through many challenges. Together we will remain vigilant against those at home or abroad who wish to harm us.

For now, Laureen and I and Ben and Rachel join all Canadians in praying for those touched by today's attack. May God bless them and keep our land glorious and free.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair

We will not forget

"I stand here tonight in solidarity, side-by-side with my colleagues, with our Prime Minister and with all Canadians."

"This attack struck with sudden and deadly violence."

"It was intended to make us more fearful of our neighbours and less confident in ourselves."

"But it has failed."

"Today's events have instead only succeeded in drawing us closer, in making us stronger."

"We woke up this morning in a country blessed by love, diversity and peace, and tomorrow we will do the same."

"Canada is shaken today, but we shall not waver."

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Twitter

@MikeKX947: Thoughts are with the young man who lost his life standing on guard for thee

@EdmontonOilers: Stay strong, Canada.

@AndrewLawton: praying for all those serving their country with pride and honour in Ottawa. #OttawaStrong

@mackaytaggart: Beyond powerful. Hours after deadly shooting in Ottawa, soldiers back on guard at National War Memorial.

@SimoneStop: thank you to the men and women who run towards the danger to keep us safe. #RCMP #StaySafeOttawa

@OttawaFuryFC: Today was a sad day, but seeing the support from the soccer community across Canada, the US and beyond is very touching #TrueNorthStrong

@Nicrobinson28: Thank you for your support as our country recovers from a tragic day @penguins. My thoughts are with his loved ones #canadastrong

@richbirch: Miss Canada tonight ... miss my home and native land. #TrueNorthStrong

@Faulksnation: Today we aren't Conservatives, Liberals or NDP's... today we aren't West Coast or East Coast... What we are is United!



Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau

We will get answers

"It was a cowardly act. An unarmed man was murdered in cold blood."

"Losing ourselves to fear and speculation is the intention of those who commit these heinous acts."

"We will remember who we are. We are a proud democracy. A welcoming and peaceful nation."

"We have remained Canadians and this is how we will carry on."

"The picture in our minds we have is of Canadians helping and protecting Canadians. That is who we truly are."

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"I had a chance to travel to the Parliament in Ottawa ... I am reminded of how warmly I was received and how wonderful the people there were. And so, obviously, we're all shaken by it." U.S. President Barack Obama



"I'm appalled by today's attack in Ottawa. I offer my full support to @pmharper and the Canadian people as they deal with this incident."

British Prime Minister David Cameron via Twitter



"I spoke w/ @pmharper & expressed our condolences & solidarity w/ Canada, following the horrific murder of a Canadian soldier."

Prime Minister of Australia Tony Abbott via Twitter



"Together with all of Canada, Sharon and I are shocked and deeply saddened to learn of today's attacks."

Canada's Governor General David Johnston



"(My) thoughts are with the people and government of Canada at this difficult time."

Statement on behalf of UN Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon

With lots of love from Pittsburgh

A sellout crowd belted out O Canada as the Canadian flag was flashed on the scoreboard and projected onto the ice at the Consol Energy Center before the Penguins game against the Philadelphia Flyers, Wednesday night, in Pittsburgh, Pa. The Canadian anthem is normally played in U.S. hockey arenas only when a Canadian team plays. ANGIE CARDUCCI/TWITTER



Catch this Ephemeral show before it disappears

Rich Aucoin. Halifax-born artist mixes his music with stunning visuals to produce a must-see show



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When a musician spends time and energy creating new and exciting material, it's difficult to keep it close to the chest.

However, in the music business, it's the way of the world. Creative types log in those hours jotting down chord progressions, elegant licks and clever lyrics.

Next they shack up in a recording studio until an album is born.

Why not give the people what they want? It's a ritual sharing practice Rich Aucoin has followed for years.

Touring now with his second album, *Ephemeral*, Halifax-born Aucoin knows that devoted fans will feel a familiar bond to his latest release.

"I like playing things as soon as I write them rather than hold onto new material and wait to fill an album," said Aucoin, who will end the Canadian-leg of his tour in the city during this year's Halifax Pop Explosion Festival.

"Those songs took a while to finish so it's nice to have them finally released so people who haven't been to the shows can



Rich Aucoin is playing at the Reflections Cabaret on Thursday night. VANESSA HEINS

hear them."

Ephemeral, stacked with "fast-paced songs," also features a collection of new-to-all tunes Aucoin is excited to share en masse. Known not only for his music but his elaborate and engaging shows, Aucoin continues to push his visuals with the same vigour he devotes to his music.

Taking his trademarked multi-screen projection to an

other level, Aucoin plans to double down this time around, literally adding another layer of visual interest to coexist with his music. "I'm going to start with this dual projection experiment with projections coming from both the front and the rear so you can get this doubled effect," he said.

"I think about what I'd like to see at a show and think about what I've seen in shows

— having seen hundreds every year — what things worked and try to do something that seems similar, but has my twist."

Imitation — with a twist of manipulation — is the sincerest form of flattery. Be it a back track sampling from a song or a famed Home Alone scream, rumoured to make an appearance in the stage adaptation for Yelling in Sleep, Aucoin's show is one not to be missed.

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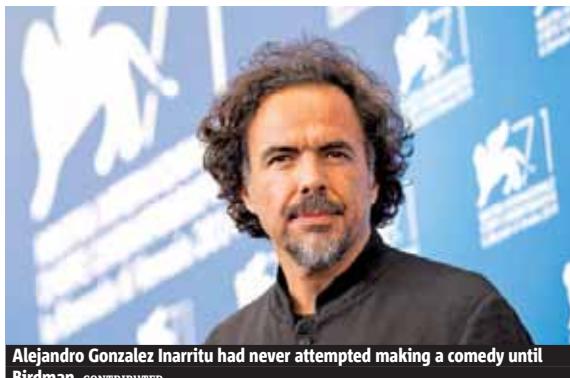
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Filmmaker interview. Birdman's big risks rewarded with Oscar buzz



Alejandro González Iñárritu had never attempted making a comedy until *Birdman*. CONTRIBUTED

Oscar-nominated filmmaker Alejandro González Iñárritu admits it was "scary" making the dark comedy *Birdman* (*The Unexpected Virtue of Ignorance*), and he was warned by one of his peers that he was "running to a possibility of failure" by doing it.

"To make a comedy, first, is always a big challenge, especially for somebody who has never done comedy," the film's director and co-writer said in a recent telephone interview. "And the way I decided to do it, which is this one-take thing, it's a very difficult task in a way that challenges you technically and conceptually, because you have to make a lot of decisions and sacrifices by that, and be very aware."

"As one director told me — you're running to disaster."

Turns out that wasn't the case.

Birdman, starring Michael Keaton as a former avian superhero film star desperate for validation and a comeback as he heads an ambitious new Broadway play, is flying high in critics' eyes.

Keaton's performance as Riggan Thomson is already the subject of serious Oscar

talk, while praise is also being heaped on the rest of the A-list cast that includes Naomi Watts, Edward Norton, Andrea Riseborough, Zach Galifianakis and Emma Stone.

Rave reviews are also pouring in for Iñárritu's "long take" filmmaking style in which the camera follows the actors around the theatre for lengthy periods of time as they rehearse and perform the play, making it seem as if the entire project is one uninterrupted shot.

The Mexican native was delving into foreign territory with the film, which hits theatres on Friday, and says that's just the way he likes it.

"I always find myself much better in an uncomfortable zone," said Iñárritu, whose films *Amores Perros* and *Biutiful* received Oscar nominations for best foreign language film, while 2006's *Babel* was up for best picture and best directing.

"When I become comfortable, I become a little angry and depressed and not happy. So I like to be challenged. I like that something excites me or scares me, because if not, I am incomplete."

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A snapshot of life as a conflict photographer

Movies. Juliette Binoche takes on the role of a truth-seeking photojournalist in *1,000 Times Good Night*

Juliette Binoche is known for pouring everything into her performances. For her role as a dedicated war photographer in *1,000 Times Good Night*, she met with top journalists who have captured global atrocities — not only to understand their work, but their personal lives and motivations.

"It just showed me how meaningful it is and how much it costs. And how they organize themselves and how it can be also very tricky in their personal life," the French actress said in a phone interview. "You have to find the right people around you to help you in this difficult journey, because it's not that easy. You're seeing horror and you're alone."

Opening Friday, the film features Binoche as Rebecca, a photojournalist who returns home from Kabul after an especially close brush with death. Her husband (Nikolaj Coster-Waldau) seethes with resentment as he has been busy raising their two daughters while she risks her life in conflict zones.

The rift in their marriage worsens when she takes their daughter (Lauryn Candy) on a trip to Kenya that erupts in violence. Rebecca again makes a decision that puts her as close to the danger as possible — the kind of snap judgement call she makes instinctively and her



Nikolaj Coster-Waldau and Juliette Binoche star in *1,000 Times Good Night*. CONTRIBUTED

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"Witnessing places in the world ... can change, not always, but can change the consciousness of people and also political decisions." Juliette Binoche on war photography

husband can no longer support.

Norwegian director Erik Poppe (*Troubled Water*) based the film on his own experience as a former war photographer. But he chose to switch the genders in the film, making Binoche his proxy and casting Coster-Waldau as the character based on his wife.

Binoche said she was drawn to *1,000 Times Good Night* because she had always been fascinated by war photography. She met with Lynsey Addario, an acclaimed photojournalist

known for her work in Afghanistan and Gaza, as well as Zoriah Miller, Marcus Bleasdale and others.

"I was wondering as I was talking to them, 'Where is the need coming from?' As an actress of course I was thinking, 'Oh, it's all in the childhood,' the need of being seen and heard and going to very dangerous places — seen and heard because you were not seen and heard in your childhood," Binoche said.

Rebecca is often accused

by family and friends of being addicted to the excitement and danger. But she is also determined to make people sit up and pay attention to the horrors of the world: "I want people to choke on their coffee and see and feel and react," she says.

This need to bear witness to injustice is a true motivation of war photographers, said Binoche.

"Witnessing places in the world ... can change, not always, but can change the consciousness of people and also political decisions. So the power it gives to consciousness is also very much what very high-profile war journalists and photographers are doing."

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Television. Ryan Murphy sells another horror series

American Horror Story creator Ryan Murphy will mine a similar vein with Scream Queens, a new horror-comedy series ordered by Fox. *The Hollywood Reporter* reveals.

Due to air in fall 2015, the first series is set on a college campus rocked by a series of murders. The idea is to reprise the anthology format of the FX series American Horror Story, introducing a new setting and plot each season.

The first 15 episodes ordered by Fox will centre on two heroines.

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Ramona receives a surprising text message that makes her question what is real... and she questions whether or not she wants to continue on her virtual quest. "It's something called a dopamine loop... a hunger for knowledge," says Tiffany Shlain, filmmaker and founder of The Webby Awards. Scan this photo for a video of Shlain talking about why we can't stop clicking.

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Television

Eva goes by the book with female-led comedy

Though she rarely steps in front of the camera anymore, former Desperate Housewives star Eva Longoria hasn't left TV. She has become quite a prolific producer for the small screen. Created with the screenwriters behind

90210, her latest sell, to ABC, is a female-led comedy series titled Bookclub.

This new project will focus on four female protagonists who pretend to be in a book club to get a break from the pressures and responsibilities of life.

Already a producer on the Lifetime series *Devious Maids*, Longoria adds Bookclub to the long list of productions in development at her UnbeliEVable Entertainment outfit. **AFP**

Movies

Sean Bean stays grounded in *The Martian*

International Emmy Award winner Sean Bean has joined the cast of *The Martian*, joining Matt Damon, Jessica Chastain and Michael Peña for Ridley Scott's tale of desperate off-world survival.

Bean, well known for

his appearances in *Game of Thrones* and Peter Jackson's *The Lord of the Rings*, will play a NASA flight director, reports Empire.

Matt Damon was installed early on as main character Mark Watney, whose crew accidentally deserts him on Mars.

The November 2015 film is based on Andy Weir's self-published sci-fi success, which debuted as a free download in 2012. **AFP**

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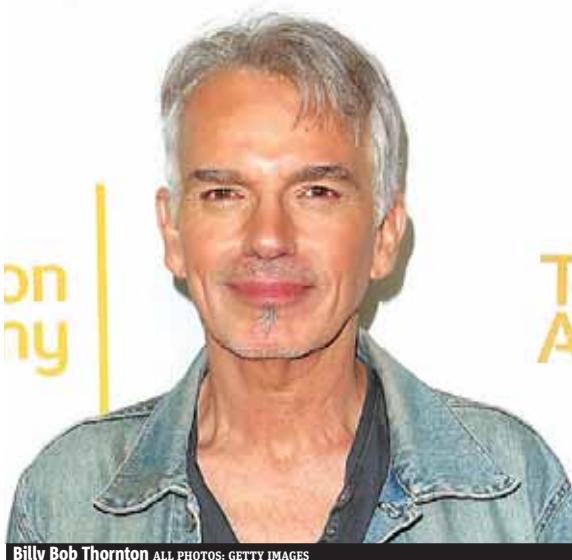
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Billy Bob Thornton ALL PHOTOS: GETTY IMAGES

Billy Bob finally clears the air about that vampire rumour

If you've been waiting and waiting for Billy Bob Thornton to finally address that whole Angelina Jolie wearing a vial of blood around her neck thing from more than a decade ago — then first of all, weird. And second of all, it's your lucky day!

While speaking at Loyola Marymount University in L.A. recently, the Sling Blade actor was asked about his ex-wife's infamous piece of jewelry.

"I think it's your duty to kind of tell people the truth about this stuff, and the truth is not encouraged anymore," Thornton says. So here's the truth: "You know those lockets you buy

that are clear and you put a picture of your granny in it or something like that and wear it around your neck? That's what it was," he explains.

"She thought it would be interesting and romantic if we took a little razor blade and sliced our fingers, smeared a little blood on these lockets and you wear it around your neck just like you wear your son or daughter's baby hair in one. Same thing. From that, we were wearing quart jars of blood around our necks. And we were vampires and we lived in a dungeon."

I knew it!

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Zellweger isn't afraid to 'face' media frenzy



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Metro in Hollywood

So if you were anywhere around the Internet earlier this week, you heard about Renee Zellweger and reactions to her recent red carpet appearance. Or, more specifically, reactions to her face. Well, apparently Zellweger was listening. And in a move completely uncharacteristic of celebrity culture, she has offered her own response to the fracas. Only it's more awesome in theory than in practice. "I'm glad folks think I look different! I'm living a different, happy, more fulfilling life, and I'm thrilled that perhaps it shows," she tells People magazine. She also calls all the discussion and debate "silly," which isn't exactly the word I'd use for it, but there you go.

"It seems the folks who come digging around for some nefarious truth which doesn't exist won't get off my porch until I answer the door," Zellweger continues, somehow pulling off folksy and coy simultaneously. "My friend say that I look peaceful. I am healthy. For a long time I wasn't doing such a good job with that. I took on a schedule that is not realistically sustainable and didn't allow for taking care of myself. Rather than stopping to recalibrate, I kept running until I was depleted and made bad choices about how to conceal the exhaustion. I was aware of the chaos and finally chose different things." As for talk of a drastic change in her appearance? That's just time, baby. "People don't know me in my 40s," Zellweger explains. "People don't know me healthy for a while. Perhaps I look different. Who doesn't as they get older? But I am different. I'm happy." So I guess you can get off her porch now?



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Media reaction to my UNRELEASED book - "Who are you to say anything?" or "How dare you say something".



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Sting is the coolest dude I know and he's 98 but he looks younger because he uses sunscreen.



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Kudos to renee zellweger for responding with grace and intelligence to a deluge of unfounded accusation. a classy and thoughtful statement.



Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel

Tabloid makes nice with the Timberlakes

It turns out all Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel really wanted was an apology, and they got one.

In a Dublin courtroom this week, British tabloid Heat was forced to offer a mea culpa for reporting that Timberlake had been flirting with women in Paris this summer.

"The article was based on an unfounded report regarding Justin Timberlake's alleged behaviour at a club following a performance in Paris to celebrate a birthday and also included a number of purported statements improperly attributed to Jessica Biel, which Heat now understand had never been made by her," representatives for the tabloid said in a statement read in court, adding that Heat "regrets any embarrassment caused to the couple and unreservedly apologizes to them."

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All about the accents

The Toronto's World MasterCard Fashion Week tents at David Pecaut Square have been hosting some of the best designers in Canada. From fringe to floral, embellishments ruled the show.

Pink Tartan

Seasoned designer Kimberley Newport-Mimran kicked things up a notch with her '70s-inspired Pink Tartan spring collection and music from bands like The Doors. Newport-Mimran said while her previous lines have been "quite pretty," she upped the ante to "a little bit sexy" with next spring's collection. "I was very inspired by looking back to the '70s but moving it forward to modern times," Newport-Mimran says. Newport-Mimran dressed models in body suits with fringe, gold and black accessories and brought the first pops of colour to the runway with a floral pattern featuring pinks, oranges and browns.

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Target Canada

Under the Fashion Week tents, the focus of Target Canada was on styles for men, women and children for the chilly months. Canadian supermodel Coco Rocha sat front row for the splashy presentation, complete with a red-carpeted runway and illuminated bull's-eye logos. Cheery models showcased a vast array of cold weather wear with pretty, patterned cardigans, faux furs, quilted coats, bomber jackets and blazers. Styles for women encompassed the ultra-feminine — like sheer blouses, slinky lace camisoles and jumpsuits — alongside more edgy, embellished options like leather studded gloves.

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Bustle

Bustle brought a burst of bold colours to its spring-summer collection, which combined fashionable elements and style influences from rugged athletic apparel and Mykonos, a famed sun-soaked hot spot. Creative director Shawn Hewson said they dubbed the latest line for the label An American in Mykonos with the combination of classic, American rugby-inspired prints with seaside prints inspired by the Greek island. The collection was awash in pink, lilac, turquoise and a rich range of blues, with Bustle's slick signature suiting and shirts accented with colourful buttons and patterned trims.

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Sid Neigum

The Alberta-born, Toronto-based designer kicked off spring-summer 2015 collections at David Pecaut Square with a solo presentation of his intricately crafted collection inspired by modular origami. Neigum said he laser-cut the shapes out of fabric and then hand-wove them all together. "Some of the pieces were 600 parallelograms hand-sewn together to create the geometric 3D geometry pattern. That was the starting point," he said. Neigum also made ample use of asymmetry in the hemlines of sleek skirts and belted dresses showcased within the line.

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Canadian street style

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What she's wearing

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Crossover

Pharrell Williams to feature in Chanel short

Chanel creative director Karl Lagerfeld has reportedly shot a movie starring Pharrell Williams alongside model Cara Delevingne. In the latest of crossovers into the fashion world, Grammy award-winning musician Williams has collaborated with Chanel, according to a report published by WWD. The movie which will be screened live with the Paris-Salzburg Métiers d'Art show on Dec. 2. AFP

Toronto

Cat Deeley to host beauty & grooming awards

So You Think You Can Dance host Cat Deeley will take on emcee duties at the upcoming P&G Beauty & Grooming Awards in Toronto.

The four-time Emmy nominee and former model will host the sixth annual ceremony on Nov. 17.

Mad Men star Christina Hendricks helmed last year's event.

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The beauty of black in every room

Decorating. Rule No. 1: Define your space with the darkest of neutrals to create impact



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There's an old rule in decorating: Every room needs a bold hit of black.

The darkness of black helps to rest the eye in rooms that are full of colour or pattern.

If overused, black can look cheap; if underused, it won't have impact.

If you want to paint a room with black, there are a few decorator rules to follow

1. Use it on one wall as a focal point only if there are a few heavy or dark furniture pieces to help balance the visual weight.

2. Paint an entire room black and create a dramatic background for a large collection of art, mirrors and draperies.

3. North-facing rooms should have red-based black colours and south-facing room should have blue-based black colours.

Want to accent your existing neutral space?

Here are some products that are sure to create trendsetting silhouettes around your home.



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Eco-friendly. Philippe Starck's range of customizable houses are totally prefab



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A swimming pool hidden under the decking? Check. Wind turbines on the roof? Check. It's all in a day's work for Philippe Starck, who unveiled the prototype for his new range of eco-friendly houses in Paris last week.

P.A.T.H. — which stands for Prefabricated Accessible Technological Homes — makes it possible for consumers to order customized, energy-positive, prefabricated houses at the click of a button.

Designed with Slovenian construction company Riko, the houses will produce

more energy than they consume thanks to a combination of solar, thermal, solar photovoltaic and wind turbines on the roof.

Each house is available with an all-glass outer shell, a completely wooden structure or as a combination of both, with a huge choice in the material and colour of the facade.

Four models are available — two single-storey homes, one double-storey and a series of individual supplementary units — and clients can choose from 34 different floor layouts ranging from

140 to 350 square metres.

The houses have been designed to perform in any climate and can be ordered with stylish features such as patio decking concealing an infinity swimming pool.

Additional details include extendable steel awnings and integrated venetian blinds controlled via an iPad application.

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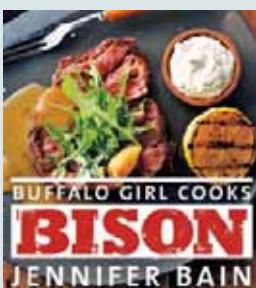
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Recipes include Maple-Whisky Bison Burgers, Quinoa and Kale Bison Soup, Braised Bison Short Ribs and more. METRO

Karen's 'Flying D' Bison Chili. While you're changing up the meat, why not replace the kidney beans as well?

"People are usually surprised to discover that American media mogul Ted Turner is also a bison rancher who co-owns a chain of restaurants called Ted's Montana Grill," writes Jennifer Bain in Buffalo Girl Cooks Bison.

"Bison plays a key role on the menu. This chili, created by Ted's personal chef, Karen Averitt, is one of the restaurant's signature dishes. Pinto beans are a welcome change from red kidney beans.

Flying D, by the way, is one of Ted's ranches in Montana."

1. In a large pot over medium-high heat, cook the bison, stirring with a wooden spoon to break up large pieces, for 5 minutes. Add the yellow onion and garlic. Cook, stirring, until

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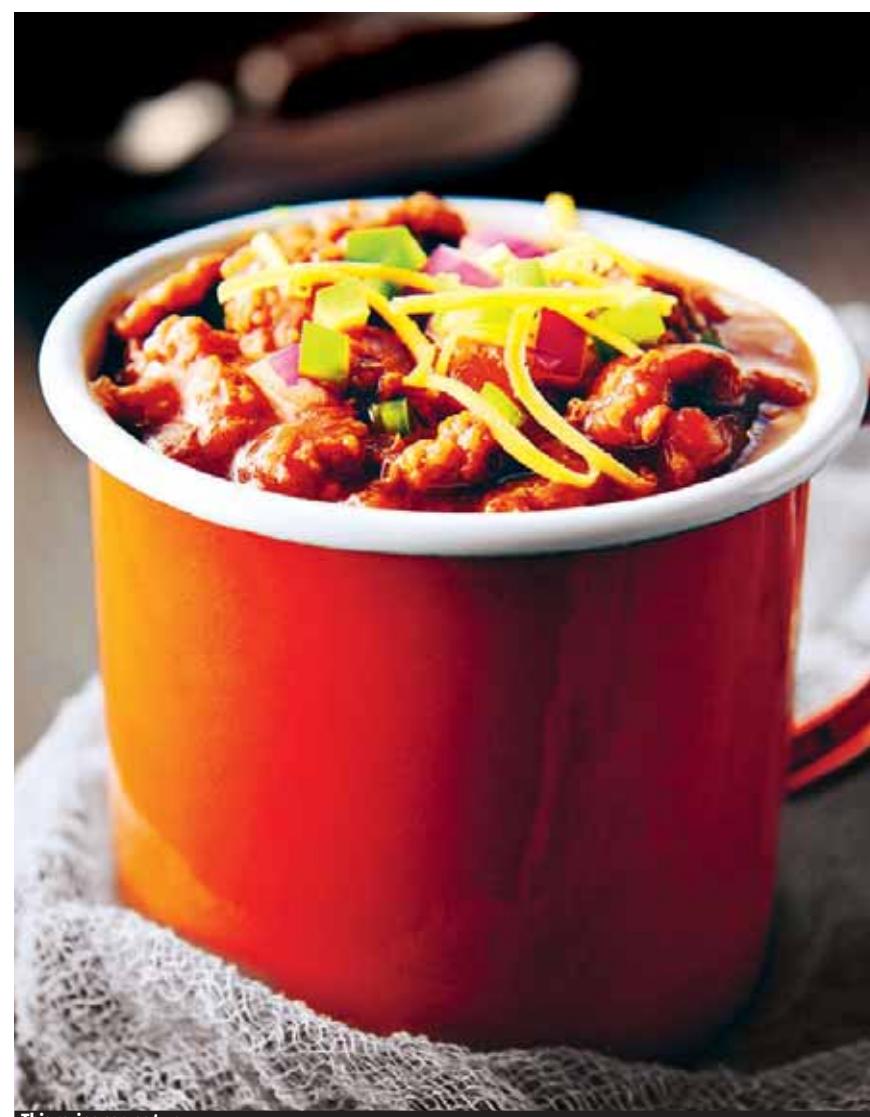
- 1 lb ground bison
- 1/2 cup diced yellow onion
- 2 tsp minced garlic
- 1 1/2 cups warm water
- 6 tbsp tomato paste
- 1 tbsp liquid beef bouillon concentrate
- 1/2 tsp dried oregano leaves
- 4 tsp chili powder
- 1 1/4 tsp ground cumin
- 1 tsp granulated sugar
- Pinch cayenne pepper
- Pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 1/2 cup canned pinto beans, drained and rinsed
- 1/2 cup fresh diced tomatoes or canned diced tomatoes with liquid

Optional toppings

- Grated cheddar
- Finely diced red onions
- Chopped jalapenos

soft, about 5 to 7 minutes.

2. In a measuring cup, combine the warm water, tomato paste, and beef bouillon concentrate. Whisk well. Add to the pot. Bring to a boil. Add the oregano, chili powder, cumin, sugar,



This recipe serves two. RYAN SZULC

cayenne pepper, and black pepper. Reduce the heat to medium-low. Simmer for 15 minutes. Add the beans

and tomatoes. Simmer for 1 minute.

3. Serve chili topped, if desired,

with cheese, red onions, and jalapenos. RECIPES FROM BUFFALO GIRL COOKS BISON BY JENNIFER BAIN (TOUCHWOOD EDITIONS, 2014)

Bison Tacos in a Bag

"It turns out that this portable meal is wildly popular at schools and fairs across North America, and it's fun to serve at home if you're having a movie night..." writes Jennifer Bain in her book Buffalo Girl Cooks Bison.

1. In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the bison. Cook, stirring, until the meat is browned and cooked through, about 6 to 8 minutes. Add the

seasoning. Cook, stirring, for 2 minutes. Transfer the meat to a bowl.

2. Leaving the bags of tortilla chips unopened and gently crush the chips by hand. Then, using scissors, snip open the bags along the long (side) edge. Spoon equal portions of bison mixture into each bag. Serve the toppings separately, so people can add their own lettuce, tomatoes, cheese, salsa, and sour cream.

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 1 lb ground bison
- 1/4 cup Tex-Mex spice blend or homemade taco seasoning, or 1 (1W oz) packet taco seasoning
- 4 individual-size bags of nacho cheese-flavoured tortilla chips

(such as Doritos), unopened

Optional Toppings

- Shredded iceberg lettuce
- Diced tomatoes
- Grated cheddar
- Prepared salsa
- Sour cream

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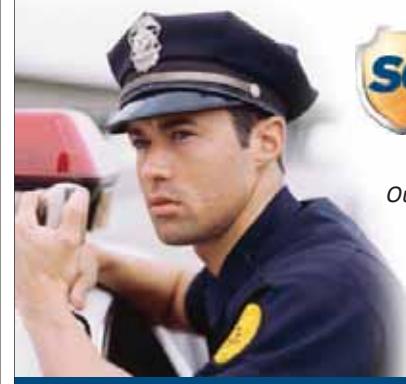
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Duffy, Shipley lead Huskies over Tigers

AUS men's hockey.

Teams combine for seven goals in the third period after a meek first 40 minutes



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Slow start, fast finish.

That's how Wednesday night's game went for the Saint Mary's Huskies, who powered their way to a 6-2 win over the Dalhousie Tigers on the strength of five third-period goals in Atlantic University Sport men's hockey action at the Halifax Forum.

About 200 fans braved the frigid temperatures inside the historical Windsor Street arena to watch last year's AUS finalists skate to their third win of the 2014-15 season. Their only loss thus far was a 2-1 setback to the University of Prince Edward Island Panthers in overtime last Saturday at home.

Saint Mary's forward Steven Beyers scored the only goal in the first 40 minutes, making it 1-0 at 14:14 in the second period. Beyers also added an assist on forward Ben Duffy's goal at 8:56 in the third to give the Huskies a 3-0 lead.

"It was a slow start," Duffy, 22, of Lower Sackville said after the game. "But once we got things going and played our game, I think we controlled the second half of the game."

The pace picked up in the second, with a missed Dal-



Dartmouth native J.P. Harvey of the Dalhousie Tigers gets around Kyle Pereira of the Saint Mary's Huskies during AUS men's hockey action Wednesday night at the Halifax Forum. JEFF HARPER/METRO

housie penalty shot, a couple of scuffles and Saint Mary's forward Jeff Marchand being sent to the box twice, but it wasn't until the third period that both teams finally found some offensive flair.

Defencemen Kyle Pereira scored early in the final frame, followed closely by Duffy and then forward Steven Shipley, who tipped in a shot from the point to make it 4-0 over Dalhousie. Shipley also had an assist to make it a two-point night.

"We had a lot of penalties back and forth the first two periods, but (during) the third period we really came out well," the 22-year-old from

A look forward

The Dalhousie Tigers travel to Charlottetown to take on the UPEI Panthers, while the Saint Mary's Huskies host the Moncton Aigles Bleus, both at 7 p.m. Saturday. The Tigers then head to Fredericton to face the St. Thomas Tommies, while the Huskies host the UNB Varsity Reds, both at 7 p.m. Sunday.

Ilderton, Ont., said. "We started getting pucks deep below their goal-line and playing in their end a lot more."

Saint Mary's got into a little

penalty trouble in the third though, giving defenceman Myles McGurty and forward J.P. Harvey of Dartmouth the chance to foil a potential shut-out with two power-play goals.

But that's all the Tigers could muster, with forwards Bradley Greene and Stephen Johnston sealing the deal for the Huskies to cap it off at 6-2 on the scoreboard.

Cole Cheveldave made 25 saves for Saint Mary's, while Wendell Yve stopped 29 shots for Dalhousie.

The game puts Saint Mary's in third place, while Dalhousie is at the bottom of AUS standings in eighth place with four straight losses.

Canada vs. Russia

Fucale named to Team QMJHL for Super Series

Halifax Mooseheads netminder Zachary Fucale will take to the ice with Team QMJHL for the 2014 Subway Super Series, taking place Nov. 10-20 in select cities.

The Canadian Hockey League announced Wednesday its three rosters representing the Ontario Hockey League, Western Hockey League and Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

Fucale, 19, of Rosemère, Que., will join 25 others on Team QMJHL in Bathurst, N.B., on Nov. 18 and Rimouski, Que., on Nov. 19, to face off against Russia's national junior team. METRO

School Day Jam

Rainmen offer Halloween special for school kids

Kids from across the city will have the chance to see professional basketball for free thanks to the first-ever Halloween School Day Jam hosted by the Halifax Rainmen.

The NBL Canada club announced Wednesday it will host the Prince Edward Island Storm for a pre-season game Oct. 31 at the Scotiabank Centre.

Doors open at 9:30 a.m. for the game that welcomes Halifax regional school board schools. METRO

AUS women's hockey

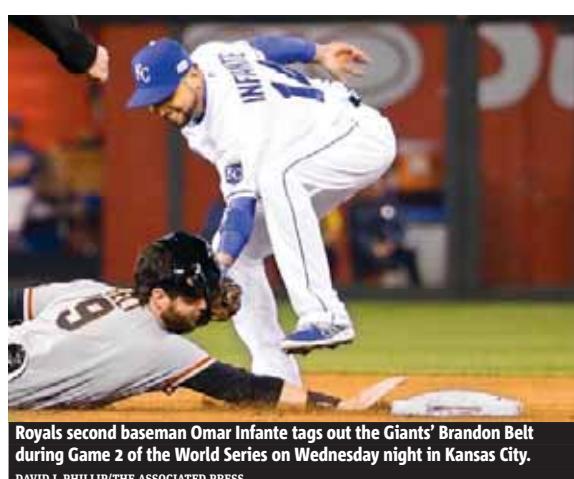
Dalhousie edges Saint Mary's

The Dalhousie Tigers snagged an early lead and skated away with a 2-1 win over cross-town rivals the Saint Mary's Huskies in women's hockey action Wednesday night.

Courtney Sheedy scored at 5:16 in the first, Jesse Rietveld added another midway through the second and Jessica Severeyns made 28 saves to lead Dalhousie to its second win of the season.

Laura Polak scored the lone goal of the goal for Saint Mary's.

The Tigers travel to Antigonish to take on the St. Francis Xavier X-Women on Friday night, while the Huskies host the Mount Allison Mounties on Sunday afternoon. METRO



Royals second baseman Omar Infante tags out the Giants' Brandon Belt during Game 2 of the World Series on Wednesday night in Kansas City.

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Royals bats come to life to even series

Billy Butler hit a tiebreaking single, Salvador Perez and Omar Infante drove in two runs each with big hits in a five-run sixth inning, and the Kansas City Royals beat the San Francisco Giants 7-2 Wednesday night to even the World Series at one game apiece.

A night after the Giants opened with a 7-1 victory for their seventh straight Series win, Gregor Blanco led off the game with a home run against hard-throwing rookie Yordano

Ventura. Brandon Belt tied the score 2-all with an RBI double in the fourth.

Butler's single off Jean Machi drove in his second run of the night and put the Royals ahead 3-2. Perez lined a two-run double to the left-centre wall for a three-run lead, and Infante homered into the left-field bullpen off Hunter Strickland.

Game 3 is Friday night in San Francisco.

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Royal Ronaldo. Liverpool smashed, league scoring record threatened

Cristiano Ronaldo moved to the brink of the Champions League scoring record by setting Real Madrid on its way to a 3-0 win over Liverpool on Wednesday in the latest show of strength by the free-scoring defending champions.

Madrid handled an early onslaught by the hosts before ripping them apart in a devastating 18-minute spell at the end of the first half, sparked by Ronaldo's sublime flicked finish for his 70th goal in the competition. He is just one goal behind Raul Gonzalez's all-time record and one ahead of great rival Lionel Messi.

Karim Benzema grabbed Madrid's other two goals — in the 30th and 41st minutes — to secure a third straight win for the Spanish side, which tops Group B by six

points.

"We are fighting very hard to repeat our success of last season," said Madrid coach Carlo Ancelotti, whose team has won its last eight matches in all competitions by scoring 35 goals. "We are playing well and have a huge desire to make that happen again."

With Ronaldo spearheading the charge with 20 goals from 13 games this season, the Spanish giants again look the team to beat in the Champions League.

The Portuguese star could easily have drawn level or surpassed Raul's record, but was twice denied by Liverpool goalkeeper Simon Mignolet in the second half before being substituted to applause from home fans in the 75th minute.

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NHL account opened



"I saw one guy go to the point guy on the weak side so I saw (Garrison) open up for a one-timer. I just tried to get it to him as quick as possible. I was pretty happy to see that go in."

Former Halifax Mooseheads forward Jonathan Drouin, who scored his first NHL point in his second NHL game, in the Tampa Bay Lightning's 2-1 win in Calgary on Tuesday night. Drouin assisted on Jason Garrison's game-tying goal. The talented young forward, who missed time earlier in the season with a thumb injury, skated on a line with Valtteri Filppula and Steven Stamkos.

Tennis

Bouchard nears elimination

Eugenie Bouchard's struggles continued at the WTA Finals on Wednesday in Singapore. The Westmount, Que., native lost 6-1, 6-3 to Serbia's Ana Ivanovic to drop to 0-2 in her group. She will face Serena Williams in her final round-robin match Thursday but has only a very slim mathematical chance of advancing to the semifinals.

Williams was hammed 6-0, 6-2 by Simona Halep on Wednesday in one of the most lopsided losses of the American star's career. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sabres fans crave 'The Next One'

League low. Hopeful fans stitch 'McDavid 97' Sabres jerseys hoping for likely top draft pick in Buffalo

Connor McDavid tries not to read what's written about him, following the advice of agent Bobby Orr and so many people around him. But it's hard after Buffalo Sabres games.

"Whenever the Sabres lose, my Twitter just kind of blows up with fans kind of talking about me and stuff like that," McDavid said.

It goes beyond social media. Some fans have already had "McDavid 97" Sabres jerseys made up and wear them to games that he's not even eligible to play in.

Buffalo is tied for the fewest points in the NHL through six games and has been outshot 227-141. With the team in full rebuild mode and no expectation for success this season, some fans are on board with the idea of tanking for the No. 1 pick in June's draft.

Even with a draft lottery system in place that discourages tanking, former Sabres defenceman and current Erie Otters assistant coach Jay McKee understands why those looking at the long-term picture are willing to cheer for losing to get an opportunity to



Connor McDavid, an 18-year-old from Newmarket, Ont., has eight goals and 17 assists for 25 points in nine games with the Erie Otters. COURTESY MATT MEAD/ERIE OTTERS

pick McDavid.

"They should want to get Connor McDavid, the fans here in Buffalo," McKee said. "But obviously in order to have a chance at drafting Connor, they're probably going to have to have a bad year again. And as a fan, as a player, that's

not necessarily what you want, so it's kind of a double-edged sword."

On Wednesday night, McDavid played his first game at First Niagara Center, which could be his home rink in less than a year. In something of a novelty regular-season Ontario Hockey League game, McDavid and the Otters were in Buffalo to play the Niagara IceDogs.

Standing at a lectern Tuesday afternoon with a Sabres logo on it, McDavid said it was pretty weird to think about fans in Buffalo already getting his name stitched on jerseys.

The 17-year-old, who's considered "The Next One" after Wayne Gretzky and Sidney Crosby, insisted he's not thinking much about the possibility that this is the first of many times he'll step onto the ice here.

"Maybe a little bit," McDavid said. "If Buffalo happens to be the one that drafts me, that'll be great and I'll be thrilled. It's the NHL. You kind of go where you're picked. Every NHL city and organization is first-class. Buffalo would be obviously a tremendous honour."

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Tank talk

If you want to get a chance to get Connor McDavid, you're going to have to finish real low in the standings."

Jay McKee, Erie Otters assistant coach, on the possibility that Buffalo could throw this season for projected No. 1 draft pick Connor McDavid



Slava Voynov GETTY IMAGES

Poor English led to arrest: Lawyer

Slava Voynov's attorney says the Los Angeles Kings defenceman never hit his girlfriend, and he blames Voynov's arrest on a misunderstanding partly caused by the couple's limited English.

Craig Renetzky is hopeful the NHL will end Voynov's indefinite suspension after reviewing the events that led to Voynov's arrest at a hospital

near his home.

Renetzky interviewed Voynov and his girlfriend extensively with help from a Russian interpreter. Without providing specific details, Renetzky said Voynov's girlfriend's injury resulted from "an accident."

"Slava never hit her," Renetzky said. "She was injured, but it's not a result of

Slava punching her or anything remotely like that."

Voynov hasn't been charged with a crime by Redondo Beach police, who were scheduled to review the case with the district attorney's office Wednesday. The NHL still suspended Voynov indefinitely with pay on Monday, an action firmly supported by the Kings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Horoscopes by Sally Brompton**♈ Aries****March 21 - April 20**

The planets warn that someone you meet on your travels today is trying to hide something from you, something you need to be aware of. Dig deeper than usual and find out what they're up to.

♉ Taurus**April 21 - May 21**

As both the Sun and Venus, your ruler, move into the partnership area of your chart today it will pay you to be more open about your feelings.

♊ Gemini**May 22 - June 21**

What you need to remember today is that every cause has an effect. The planets indicate that something is about to happen that is directly linked to what you said or did in the past.

♋ Cancer**June 22 - July 23**

No matter how difficult the past few weeks have been what comes next will restore your faith in yourself, if not yet the whole of humanity. Today's solar eclipse will delight you.

♌ Leo**July 24 - Aug. 23**

You need to be alert and willing to take a risk if you are to benefit from the changes taking place around you. You will also need to be less thin-skinned.

♍ Virgo**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

Although your money situation may still be difficult, you will be less inclined to worry now that the Sun is moving out of the financial area of your chart.

♎ Libra**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

Your mind is full of big ideas but are you able to turn them into a new reality? The planets urge you to make an extra special effort — from which you can expect an extra special reward.

♏ Scorpio**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

The Sun enters your birth sign today and there is a powerful eclipse in your sign, so omens are excellent. There's no limits to what you can accomplish over the next month.

♐ Sagittarius**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

You may want the good times to last forever but you need to get serious and, among other things, turn your attention inward, to what makes you tick.

♑ Capricorn**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

The Sun in Scorpio over the next few weeks will present you with numerous opportunities to showcase your creativity.

♒ Aquarius**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

A great opportunity will arrive at just the right time, in just the right place and in just the right way over the next few days, so make sure you are ready for it.

♓ Pisces**Feb. 20 - March 20**

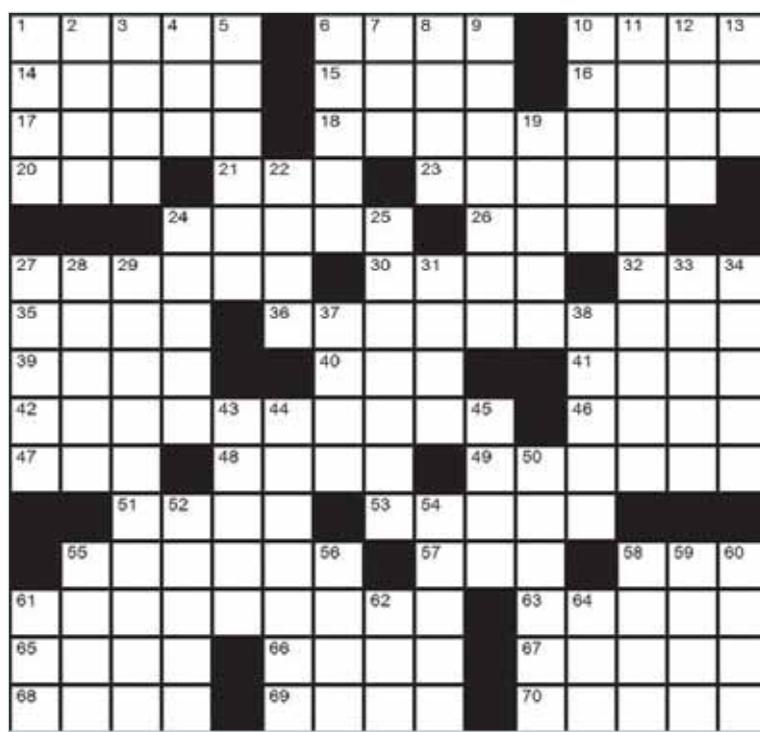
You may not have enjoyed the past few weeks as much as some people but you have to admit you learned some valuable lessons. Now you will get the chance to apply what you have learned.

Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan**Across**

- Speedy, fast—
- Car's beeper
- Fleece
- Natural pigment
- Classical song type
- ____ paper (School assignment)
- Luba's "____ Before the Calm"
- Le Chateau ____ (Quebec City landmark)
- Li'l tea party accessory
- Choose
- Follower of The Way
- As such, Latin-style: 2 wds.
- "Pay ____ mind."
- Acquiesce
- Actress Ms. Rogers
- Mil. force
- Golfing norms
- News story told through pictures: 2 wds.
- William Wallace, for example
- River of Hiroshima
- "____ quiet ...pleeeze!"
- Comfy seats: 2 wds.
- Lively tune
- Therefore
- French writer Victor
- Ties the knot in secret
- Damp day reason
- Brother on "Frasier"

Down

- Canadian students)
- "Well, ____ known that..."
- Detective novelist, Stanley Gardner
- Garden products brand
- Dog, with Lhasa
- Flanders river
- Aeries
- Uprising
- Vancouver Island
- Mail: Canada ____
- Does dialogue
- Cut
- Be in the wrong
- Showcased the product
- Weapon handles
- The Cars singer Benjamin
- Hamlet
- Ancient's 2100
- Comedian Ms. city
- Beer mug
- Fighting ____ (Part of the mission of nonpartisan writers organization PEN Canada)
- "How now, ____?"
- Hamlet
- Steeped beverage
- Ginger ____
- Afore

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**Sudoku**

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 Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

Yesterday's Sudoku

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4	3	6	7	8	5	2	1	9
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